

FRST90027 Trees Growth & Development

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Creswick This subject commences in the following study period/s: March, Creswick - Taught on campus. Intensive teaching, Creswick
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 hours lectures and 36 hours practical work delivered over two-week intensive teaching block Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	<p>The molecular revolution is increasingly affecting the way we understand and manage our natural systems.</p> <p>This subject delivers a detailed examination of the developmental and molecular basis of tree growth, with specific focus on tree life cycles, reproductive biology and wood formation. In this subject students will explore how this knowledge can be applied in forested land management to support tree improvement and ecosystem management.</p> <p>The practical component aims to provide students with exposure to a sub-set of molecular and microscopic technical skills including the use of botanical micro-techniques and the more common molecular tools. Technical and socio-economic challenges will be critically discussed and evaluated.</p> <p>This subject has been designed to target students with forestry, land management, science and biochemistry backgrounds, but will be invaluable for any student who wishes to expand their understanding of the role trees play in terrestrial ecosystems and for the forest industry.</p>
Objectives:	<p>On completion of this subject, students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand the cyclic nature of tree growth and development # Have a good understanding of tree development, wood formation and wood quality determination # Have a basic understanding of plant molecular biology # Appreciate the molecular basis of tree morphology, development and anatomy # Know about methods for and implications of biotechnological modification of tree characteristics # Understand the importance of the application of modern approaches in forest management and research # Be familiar with the most recent developments in tree biotechnology and its application

	# Have acquired some basic skills in the use of molecular tools and botanical micro-techniques
Assessment:	Two assignments (3000 words each) total 80%, one oral presentation (20%).
Prescribed Texts:	None
Recommended Texts:	A comprehensive list of relevant articles in the primary literature will be made available on the LMS
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
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